

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

[0010] Applicant would like to sincerely thank Examiner Brown for conducting a telephonic interview with Applicant's representative, David Thompson, on 23 Feb 2009.

[0011] During the interview, the Examiner and Applicant's representative discussed distinctions between the claims and the cited references, namely the Bedard reference. Without conceding the propriety of the rejections and in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant's representative also proposed possible amendments.

[0012] Based on the conversation with the Examiner, Applicant's representative understood that claims 1-6, amended as proposed herein, would be allowable over at least the cited Bedard, but that the Examiner would consider if additional searching was required.

[0013] Applicant herein amends the claims consistent with the discussion during the interview. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the pending claims are allowable over the cited Bedard reference for at least the reasons discussed during the interview.